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SUBJECT: SUEZ CANAL RECONSTRUCTION

1. CAIRO PRESS SEPTEMBER 4 REPORTS FIRST DEPUTY PM HEGAZI ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY THAT BETWEEN 65-80 PERCENT OF RESIDENTS OF PORT SAID HAVE RETURNED TO THE CITY AND THAT FACTORIES THAT HAD BEEN MOVED AWAY FROM THE URBAN AREA DURING "ISRAEL'S AGGRESSION" HAVE BEEN "REINSTALLED". HE ADDED THAT PORT SAID WILL BE TURNED INTO A "FIRST CLASS FREE PORT" AND JOINT EGYPTIAN/IRANIAN PROJECTS IN THIS FREE AREA WILL GET UNDERWAY IN THE COMING FEW WEEKS.

2. IN INTERESTING JUXTAPOSITION OF ISSUES, HEGAZI REPORTEDLY WENT ON TO SAY PRESIDENT SADAT WANTS PEACE "AND WE ARE SERIOUS IN OUR QUEST FOR PEACE BASED ON JUSTICE".

3. PRESS REPORTS HEGAZI EXPECTED GOE PLAN TO BUILD 3500 HOUSES IN PORT SAID TO BE COMPLETED BY END OF YEAR. THIS IS PART OF FIRST STAGE RECONSTRUCTION TARGET OF 6500 HOUSES IN UNCLASSIFIED

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CANAL AREA.

4. PRESS ADDS THAT HEGAZI ANNOUNCED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEES SERIES OF DECISIONS INCLUDING DECISION TO REPAIR PORT SAID RAILWAY AND REOPEN PORT SAID HARBOR ASAP. HEGAZI REPORTEDLY WILL SUBMIT COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO SADAT ON RECONSTRUCTION AND FURTHER NECESSARY STEPS TO PERMIT THE THREE MAJOR CITIES TO BEGIN NORMAL LIFE DURING OCTOBER, AS FORMALLY DIRECTED BY SADAT.

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